

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BILL TASH**, on March 12, 2003 at 3:13 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Bill Tash, Chairman (R)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Sherm Anderson (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Bea McCarthy (D)
Sen. Dan McGee (R)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)
Sen. Glenn Roush (D)
Sen. Debbie Shea (D)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Krista Lee Evans, Legislative Branch
Roberta Opel, Committee Secretary

Video-taped Committee: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 683, 3/12/2003, HB 443,
3/12/2003, HJ 4, 3/12/2003, HB 303,
3/12/2003
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 683

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. JOHN BRUEGGEMAN, HD 74, Polson, presented HB 683 to the committee; revise requirements for a change in a water appropriation right. **EXHIBIT(nas52a01)**

Proponents' Testimony:

3:16pm Jan Niemeyer, representing both Charlo and Lake County **EXHIBIT(nas52a02) EXHIBIT(nas52a03) EXHIBIT(nas52a04)**

3:17pm John Tubbs, representing DNRC

3:18pm Jack Stults, Administrator, Water Resources Division, MT. Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

EXHIBIT(nas52a05)

3:31pm Jon Metropoulos, on behalf of MT. Water Resources Assoc.

3:32pm Rep. Rick Ripley, HD 50, Wolf Creek

Opponents' Testimony:

3:33pm Fred Matt, Tribal Chairman, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes **EXHIBIT(nas52a06)**

3:36pm John Carter, attorney, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

3:40pm Rep. Frank Smith, representing Fort Peck Reservation

3:44pm Rep. Joey Jayne, representing Charlo

Informational Testimony and Witnesses:

Written testimony was submitted from the MT. Legislative Services Division, Legal Services Division **EXHIBIT(nas52a07)**

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

3:43pm Begin

4:17pm End

26 min Elapsed time

Closing by Sponsor:

4:17pm REP. BRUEGGEMAN closed the hearing on HB 663.

HEARING ON HB 443

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. MICHAEL LANGE, HD 19, Billings, presented HB 443 to the committee; revise major facility siting act.

Proponents' Testimony:

4:30pm Bob Pavlovich, representing IBEW 233
4:31pm Jim Mockler, representing MT. Coal Council
4:31pm Don Allen, WETA
4:43pm Gail Abercrombie, MT. Petroleum Association

Opponents' Testimony:

4:35pm Patrick Judge, Montana Environmental Information Center
EXHIBIT (nas52a08) .
4:40pm Sherm Janke, representing MT. Chapter of the Sierra Club
EXHIBIT (nas52a09)
4:46pm Michele Reinhart, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

4:47pm Begin
4:56pm End
9 min Elapsed time

Closing by Sponsor:

4:56pm **REP. LANGE** closed on HB 443.

HEARING ON HJ 4

Opening Statement by Sponsor: **REP. MICHAEL LANGE, HD 19, Billings**, presented HJ 4 to the committee; water management practices review.

Proponents' Testimony:

5:02pm Jack Stults, Administrator, Water Resources Division, DNRC
5:03pm Bob Goffena, Deadman Basin Water User's Board
5:10pm John Wilson, representing MT. Trout Unlimited
5:11pm Larry Peterman, Chief, Field Operations, MT. Dept. of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP)
5:12pm Sherm Janke, representing MT. Sierra Club
5:14pm John Bloomquist, representing MT. Stockgrower's Association
5:16pm Michele Reinhard, NPRC
5:16pm Holly Franz, representing MT. Water Resources Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

5:17pm Begin

5:25pm End
8 min Elapsed time

Closing by Sponsor:

5:27pm **REP. LANGE** closed the hearing on HJ 4.

HEARING ON HB 303 (2nd hearing)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

5:29pm Sherm Janke, representing MT. Sierra Club

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

5:32pm Begin
5:34pm End
2 min Elapsed time

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:34 P.M.

SEN. BILL TASH, Chairman

ROBERTA OPEL, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (nas52aad)